(3) Assistance for Large Revenue generating projects

During the year 2002-03 the following projects were sanctioned for development of tourism in the State of Andhra Pradesh:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Vishakha Utsav and Indur Festival	7.50
2.	Paryatana Bhavan at Hyderabad	500.00

All State Govts./UT Administrations including Government of Andhra Pradesh have been requested to submit the project proposals under the above mentioned schemes for the financial year 2003-04.

(c) On receipt of project proposals from the State Government, Central financial assistance is provided on the basis of the merit of the project, *interse* priority and availability of funds.

Protection of historical monuments in Orissa

247. SHRI: RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa has been neglected by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture as the grant and assistan ce given to Orissa from 2000 till today is the lowest in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the funds which were given to the Konark, Puri, Lalitgiri, Udaigiri, Ratangiri Nagudi has not been utilised till today, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Brahamnath Mandir, Jagannath Temple, Trilochaneswara, Attharanala and other places of Jaipur townside has been taken over by the Archaeological Survey of India; and

(d) if so, the project details to protect these historical monuments?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Protection, conservation and development works of Centrally protected monuments at these places is carried out by the Archaeological Survey of India. The Department of Culture has also sanctioned Rs. 50.00 lakhs for development and Rs. 125.00 lakhs for mounting of Sound & Light Show at Udaigiri and Khandgiri Caves.

Details of the projects sanctioned by the Department of Tourism at these places is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). It has also been decided to take up a project for development of Puri Beach at a cost of Rs. 3.94 crores.

(c) Brahamnath Mandir, Jagannath Temple, Trilochaneswara Temple, Attharanala bridge and Subha Stamba only are Centrally protected monuments in Jaipur town, District Jaipur (Orissa).

(d) Archaeological Survey of India is undertaking annual maintenance of the above monuments.

Statement

Protection of Historical Monuments in Orissa

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Name of projects	Amount sanctioned	Amount released	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
1992-93	Yatri Niwas at Puri	44.85	35.90	Utilisation Certificate awaited
1994-95	Illumination of Sea Beach at Puri	5.46	3.00	Utilisation Certificate awaited
1995-96	Beach Cleaning Equipment, Puri	9.30	5.00	Utilisation Certificate awaited
1996-97	Refurbishment of monuments at Udaigiri	20.00	6.50	Utilisation Certificate awaited

1	2	3	4	5
-do-	Refurnishment of monuments at Lalitgiri	25.00	8.00	Utilisation certificate awaited
-do-	Refurnishment of monuments at Ratanagiri	31.00	10.00	Utilisation Certificate awaited
-do-	SEL Show at Konark	91.95	2.00	Utilisation Certificate awaited
1997-98	Tourist Reception Centre at Udaigiri	25.00	20.50	Utilisation Certificate awaited
-do-	Tourist Reception Centre at Lalitgiri	25.00	8.00	Utilisation Certificate for first instalment received
-do-	Tourist Reception Centre at Ratnagiri	75.00	60.00	Utilisation Certificate awaited
1998-99	Development of Chandrabhaga Beach Konarak and landscaping	41.00	32.00	Utilisation Certificate awaited
1999-2000	Additional accommodation at Yatri Niwas, Konarak	48.00	38.40	Utilisation Certificate awaited

Protection of ancient idols and statues

248. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government are taking to protect all ancient statues and idols in view of the fact that there has been gradual increase in their smuggling;

(b) whether Government have come up with any plans or strategies to protect these ancient statues and idols from falling into the wrong hands;